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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 838

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Valerie Rains on her selection as Fifth and Sixth Grade Teacher of the Year for the Murfreesboro City School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Valerie Rains is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rains has recently been selected Fifth and Sixth Grade Teacher of the Year for the Murfreesboro City School System, an honor most befitting her outstanding service as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a native of Michigan, Ms. Rains studied music at Western Michigan University and received her teaching certification from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Rains has served with acumen and alacrity as a music teacher for nine exemplary years at Bellwood School in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and compassionate educator, Ms. Rains works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, her unique incorporation of music into all other aspects of the curriculum provides students with an enjoyable avenue to learn and to appreciate the influence and role of music in history and society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rains also introduces her students to music from other cultures to assist them in discovering the beauty of cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by all those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this outstanding honor, Ms. Rains has been selected as Teacher of the Year for Bellwood School and has been honored by the Murfreesboro Educational Association as a Distinguished Classroom Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Valerie Rains truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Valerie Rains on being selected as Fifth and Sixth Grade Teacher of the Year for the Murfreesboro City School System, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.